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Crime Prevention Tips:

Know the phone number
that is displayed before
you answer your phone!

Be aware of your
surroundings.

Appear strong and
confident.

Always trust your
instincts!



HANOVER COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

June 2014



"A great night to get to know your neighbors"

NNO is a night on which citizens across America can send a powerful message about neighborhood unity, awareness, safety, and police/community partnerships. Let criminals know that Hanover County truly is united and dedicated to building a safer, more caring place to live!

August 5th is just around the corner! Now is the time to start planning. The Mechanicsville **Target** is already making plans for its kickoff event that day starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. There will be displays, food, and plenty of children's activities at the store. More details will soon follow about the event.

Last year, 65 events were held in Hanover County in various forms to celebrate NNO! We are hoping to top that number this year and see if we can place higher in the NATW Awards than we did last year! Included in this newsletter is the pledge form. Please send in the information as soon as possible so we can coordinate our efforts to stop in, visit and thank you for your support. The information can be sent to our NNO Coordinator Deputy Barry Bland at bwbland@hanovercounty.gov or by fax at (804) 365-6323. For further information, Deputy Bland can be contacted directly by phone at (804) 365-7116.

For additional information about NNO, you can go to
www.nationalnightout.org



REMINDER!!!

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at the Sheriff's Office in Training Room A.

**** Please remember this meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month instead of the normal 1st Tuesday of the month to avoid the first day of school!*

SUMMER IS HERE!!!

Worship Watch

Worship Watch is a community initiative similar to a Neighborhood Watch. It provides a platform of communication and partnership specific to our faith community and is designed to broaden response and service opportunities to our citizens.

For more information about this new program, go to:

http://www.hanovercounty.gov/SO/Worship_Watch_Flyer.pdf

For information about the Fall Faith Summit, go to:

http://www.hanovercounty.gov/SO/Fall_Faith_Summit_Flyer.pdf



Remember to lock your vehicles and take your valuables inside or keep them locked in the trunk and out of sight. Don't provide easy opportunities for criminals to take your property!

Solicitors and Scams!

If you encounter a door-to-door salesperson, first ask them for a **Hanover County Solicitor's License**. If they fail to produce one, immediately turn them away and give the Sheriff's Office a call so we can check them out further. If a salesperson is pushy or acting in an aggressive manner, it is all the more reason to call us immediately!

There are some exceptions to the County Ordinance regarding solicitors.



Volunteer Program!

The Hanover Sheriff's Office is looking for motivated individuals within our community that are willing to donate time to help in several areas within the agency. Some of the opportunities include, but are not limited to:

Customer Service, Fleet Management , Records Department, Clerical, Logistical Support, Chaplain Program, Motorist Assistance Program, Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Foreign Language Interpretation, Supply Room Assistance, Special Events, Community Outreach, Explorer Program, Courtesy Patrol and Academy Role Playing.

Requirements to volunteer are:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must pass thorough background investigation and be of good standing within the community
- Must attend the Hanover County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Police Academy

To apply, visit www.hanoversheriff.com or call (804) 365-6110 for more information.

Security Assessments

Have you wondered how safe and secure your home is? Are you considering the purchase of a "security system"? If you have concerns or questions about this topic, did you know that your Sheriff's Office conducts FREE security assessments for residents and businesses in Hanover County? The assessments generally take about one or two hours to conduct, and you will receive a complete list of observations made and recommendations for making your home more secure. To set up an appointment for a security assessment, please contact the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at (804) 365-6110.

Vacation House Watch

Whenever you are going to be away from home for *vacation* or *other extended periods of time*, remember to call the Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140 to let us know. We will alert the deputies working in the area where you live so they can stop by periodically to make sure things are ok!

Safety Programs

We want to remind you that the Crime Prevention Unit is available to conduct various programs for your neighborhood homeowners' association meetings or other events for which you would like us to be available. We also have crime prevention displays available for your community-related events so passersbys can stop in and receive some important information relating to safety. McGruff the Crime Dog likes to stop in to visit with the children too! He likes handing out sticker badges to his new friends who want to help him take a bite out of crime! He also has his Crime Prevention Officers assist with telling children how police officers are their friends, and also about "Stranger Dangers."

If you would like to have the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention personnel on hand for your program or event, please give us a call at (804) 365-6110 to let us know. Keep in mind that we have many events scheduled up to three months in advance year round, so give us a call as soon as possible after your event date is set.



2014 National Night Out

Pledge Form

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Yes, our Neighborhood will be having an event on August 5th!

Yes, our Neighborhood will be participating by turning on our porch lights only.

Yes, our Neighborhood will be participating but on another date.

ALTERNATE DATE for NNO 14: _____ **(include details below)**

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No, our Neighborhood will NOT be participating this year.

*** If you checked "YES", please complete the following:

NAME OF SUBDIVISION: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: (H) _____ (M) _____

What type of activities do you have planned? (cookout, pool party, etc.)

Where will these activities take place? (clubhouse, pool, someones residence)

Start Time: _____

Ending Time: _____

Approximately how many people do you expect? _____

Would you like a visit from the Sheriff's Office? _____

Please return this form by July 25, 2014!!

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Now, in addition to being able to call **804-780-1000** to report crime, you can also send in your information by text from your cell phone. As things are happening, you can send information that could be of great value to us without revealing who you are!

SENDING AN SMS TEXT TIP

METRO RICHMOND CRIME STOPPERS

This is the numeric equivalent of **CRIMES** on a traditional keypad. A PDA or smartphone may be mapped differently.

Your keyword is **"iTip"**. It should be the first part of all new tips.

This is the actual tip. All messages should begin with the keyword, followed by a space then the tip.

Note: Subsequent messages can be sent without the keyword.

Spelling out **CRIMES** on this keypad would result in entering **"02@_1"**, so you would need to enter **274627** instead.

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